

University of Montana

## ScholarWorks at University of Montana

---

Syllabi

Course Syllabi

---

Summer 6-1-2012

### PSCI 210S.01: Introduction to American Government

James J. Lopach

*University of Montana - Missoula*, [james.lopach@umontana.edu](mailto:james.lopach@umontana.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/syllabi>

## Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

---

#### Recommended Citation

Lopach, James J., "PSCI 210S.01: Introduction to American Government" (2012). *Syllabi*. 5828.  
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/syllabi/5828>

This Syllabus is brought to you for free and open access by the Course Syllabi at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in Syllabi by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@mso.umt.edu](mailto:scholarworks@mso.umt.edu).

**Political Science 210**  
**Introduction to American Government**  
**Summer 2012**

**M-Th, 9:30 – 11:20**  
**LA 205**

**Professor James Lopach**  
**Office: LA 349**  
**243-2946**  
**James.lopach@umontana.edu**

**PSCI 210 students:** As the University's NCAA faculty athletic representative, I will be out of town attending the spring Big Sky Conference meeting during the first three days of class. This responsibility means that there will be no class meetings on May 21, 22, and 23. I have prepared for distribution the course syllabus, review sheet for the first examination (on May 30), and my lecture notes for the days I am gone. These notes have been prepared carefully, and exam questions will be taken from them. My intent is that my absence will not disadvantage you in any way. -- Professor Lopach

**Text: Government by the People, 22nd Edition, Basic Version, or 2009 Alternate Edition**

**NOTE: The text is optional. Several copies are on library reserve; any recent edition is fine to use.**

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Founding Documents	Chapter 1	May 21
Principles of American Constitutionalism	Chapters 2 & 3	May 21, 22, 23
First Amendment Freedoms	Chapter 15	May 23, 24, 29
Examination		May 30
Equality Under the Law	Chapter 16	May 30, 31
Citizenship, Property, Due Process	Chapter 15	June 4, 5, 6
Interest Groups	Chapter 6	June 6
Political Parties	Chapter 7	June 7
Voting and Elections	Chapters 8, 9	June 11
Examination		June 12
Campaign Finance	Chapter 9	June 12
Electing the President	Chapter 9	June 13
U.S. Congress	Chapter 11	June 14, 18
The Presidency	Chapter 12	June 18, 19
The Judiciary	Chapter 14	June 20
The Bureaucracy	Chapter 13	June 20
Examination		June 21

The learning goal of this lecture course is student understanding of the major structural and legal features of American government. These characteristics, as covered in the lectures and listed on the review sheets, provide the basis of the three examinations. All examinations will use objective (not essay) questions. The dates of the first two examinations are May 30 and June 12. The final examination will cover material from the second examination to the end of the course and is scheduled for June 21. A total of 110 points can be earned on the three examinations, but the final course grades will be determined on a 100-point grading system as follows (10 extra-credit points are included in the tests): A = 94-100; A- = 90-93; B+ = 87-89; B = 83-86; B- = 80-82; C+ = 77-79; C = 73-76; C- = 70-72; D+ = 67-69; D = 63-66; D- = 60-62; F = 59 and lower. For the credit/no-credit grading option, a grade of D- and above will count as "credit." Make-ups and early tests must be prearranged.

## PSC 210 - Review Sheet No. 1

New Left  
Declaration of Independence  
Natural Law Argument  
Fundamental Law  
Thomas Jefferson  
Popular Sovereignty  
Right of Revolution  
Republican Form  
Tenth Amendment  
Constitution  
Minimal Government  
Localism  
Bicameralism  
Bill of Rights  
Confederation  
State Sovereignty  
Economic Interpretation of Constitution  
James Madison  
Burden-on-Commerce Balancing Test  
Stake in Society  
State Ratifying Convention  
Partial Agency  
Checks and Balances  
Great Connecticut Compromise  
Federalist Papers  
Federalism  
Unitary Government  
Enumerated Powers  
Police Powers  
Delegated Powers  
Implied Powers  
McCulloch v. Maryland  
Inherent Powers  
Reserved Powers  
Concurrent Powers  
External Sovereignty  
Umpire of Federalism  
Necessary and Proper Clause  
Federal Preemption  
Implied Preemption Test  
New Nationalism  
Supremacy Clause  
Interstate Commerce  
Cumulative Effect Test  
Compact Theory  
Emanation Theory  
Nullification  
Concurrent Majority  
Dual Federalism  
Judicial New Federalism  
Horizontal Federalism  
Full Faith and Credit Clause  
Defense of Marriage Act  
John C. Calhoun

Interstate Compact Clause  
Extradition Clause  
Socialization of Conflict  
Laboratories of the Nation  
New Federalism  
Cooperative Federalism  
Comity Clause  
Governmental Gridlock  
Marbury v. Madison  
Judicial Review  
Civil Rights and Liberties  
Barron v. Baltimore  
Incorporation Doctrine  
Establishment Clause  
Wall of Separation  
Lemon Test  
Conscientious Objector  
Accommodation Analysis  
Endorsement Analysis  
Freedom of Exercise Clause  
Strict Scrutiny Test  
Rational Basis Test  
Marketplace of Ideas  
Fighting Words  
Clear and Present Danger Test  
Clear and Probable Danger Test  
Bad Tendency Test  
Test of Imminence  
Prior Restraint  
Two Levels of Speech  
Overbreadth Doctrine  
Vice of Vagueness  
Chilling Effect  
Time, Place and Manner Regulation  
Regulation of Content  
Symbolic Speech  
Criticism of Judge/Fair Trial Rule  
TV/Fair Trial Rule  
Press-Public Doctrine  
Shield Law  
Public Figure Doctrine  
Actual Malice  
Patently Offensive  
Utterly Without Social Importance  
LAPS Test  
Commercial Speech  
Forum Analysis  
Peripheral Right  
Guilt by Association  
Close and Substantial Relation Doctrine  
Trimester Analysis  
Undue Burden Analysis  
Deviate Sexuality Law  
Roe v. Wade